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Personal and confidential

Dear Mr. Hurst,

I am concerned about the continued complacency on the part of the CMHA concerning the slaughter, through irresponsibility in the the health care system, of psychiatric patients whose problems are caused by undiagnosed chemical sensitivities.

Despite two years of trying, the CMHA has been intransigent on this important health issue. I believe the organization can now be described as also partly responsible, through lack of action, for these deaths (not to mention the more broadly experienced related suffering).

Persons with central nervous system dysfunction are in a high risk group for chemical sensitivities. Although various authorities, including the federal Minister of Health, have recommended that, in ambiguous cases, checking for environmental sensitivities should precede a psychiatric workup, this practice is not being followed.

I hope you can act to prevent the need for other, more embarrassing and potentially damaging action against the faltering reputation of the CMHA over this point.

The urgency comes from the fact that as many as one person per day with undiagnosed sensitivities may be killing themselves, and from the fact that once identified, the problem is relatively easy to deal with.

Sincerely,



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cc various interested parties